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SUBJECT: CAP FOR SOYBEANS AND FOR DEHYDRATED FORAGE

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1. EMB OFFICER REITERATED U.S. VIEWS(REFTEL) TO JANSSEN OF FONMIN ON MARCH 6.

2. FONMIN OFFICIAL REPEATED PREVIOUS BELGIAN ASSURANCES THAT BELGIANS, IN PRINCIPLE, WERE OPPOSED TO ANY ARTIFICIAL ENCOURAGEMENT OF EUROPEAN SOYBEAN PRODUCTION SINCE THIS WOULD SOONER OR LATER LEAD TO HIGHER PRICES FOR BELGIAN SOYBEANS. HE ADDED THAT ALTHOUGH PROBLEM OF DEHYDRATED FORAGE STILL BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN COMMISSION CIRCLES AT TECHNICAL LEVELS, HE ASSUMED EVENTUAL GOB POSITION WILL BE SIMILAR TO THAT ON SOYBEANS, I.E. OPPOSITION TO ANY EC SUBSIDY SYSTEM.

3. OFFICIAL ADMITTED THAT MODEST SOYBEANS PROGRAM
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DESCRIBED IN REFTEL IS INCLUDED IN THE CAP PROGRAM FOR

1974 CROP-YEAR PENDING BEFORE EC COUNCIL AND ADDED THT DURING COUNCIL NEGOTIATIONS IT ALWAYS POSSIBLE BELGIUM WOULD BE TEMPTED TRADE FRENCH SUPPORT FOR HIGHER MILK PRICES FOR GOB SUPPORT ON SOMETHING FRENCH ARE DEMANDING.

4. IN ANY EVENT, FONMIN SOURCE NOTED, REAL IMMEDIATE QUESTION FOR THE FUTURE OF THE CAP IS WHETHER OR NOT HMG WILL BE WILLING TO SEND AN AGMIN TO NEXT WEEK'S EC MEETING EMPOWERED TO APPROVE A CAP PROGRAM FOR 1974. IF NOT (AND THIS SEEMED FONMIN EXPECTATION) ENTIRE CAP WOULD BE IN SERIOUS SITUATION.

5. AGR ATTACHE ALSO RECENTLY DISCUSSED SOYBEAN QUESTION WITH SENIOR AGMIN OFFICIALS, MAKING POINTS COVERED IN REFTEL. AGMIN POSITION SIMILAR TO THAT OF FONMIN SOURCE, I.E. OPPOSITION TO THE SOYBEAN PROPOSAL BUT POSSIBLE WILLINGNESS TO TRADE OFF SUPPORT FOR IT FOR INCREASES IN PRICES OF LIVESTOCK PRODUCTS. WE HAVE ARGUED STRONGLY BOTH WITH FOREIGN AND AGRICULTURE MINISTRIES AGAINST SUCH TRADE OFF. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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